

REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL – 500 CASTRO STREET
6:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Bruce Karney.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Task Force Steering Committee Members Present: Sue Graham, Deb Henigson, Cynthia Kapphahn, Bruce Karney, Aileen La Bouff, Marn Yee Lee, Ignacio Martin-Bragado and Randy Potter.

Task Force Steering Committee Members Absent: Steven Bishop, Yvonne Farrell (excused), James Kempf and Janis Zinn (excused).

At-Large Members Present: Bruce England, Esperanza Sanz-Escudero, Mark Gilkey and Mike Kahn.

General Public Present: None.

City Staff Present: Steve Attinger, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator; and Joan Jenkins, Transportation and Policy Manager.

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Motion—M/S Sue Graham/Aileen La Bouff—Carried 8-0; Steven Bishop, Yvonne Farrell, James Kempf and Janis Zinn absent—Approve the minutes of the March 24, 2008 meeting.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

5.1 **WORKING GROUPS GUIDELINES**

There was no discussion on this item.

5.2 WORKING GROUP LOGISTICS

Sue Graham has not been able to contact a specific At-Large member due to not having contact information for all Task Force members. Steve Attinger explained that this information has not been made available due to privacy reasons, but offered to send an "Opt Out" e-mail to the Task Force for sharing of contact information.

Steering Committee and At-Large members voiced continued concern over the communication limitations imposed by the Brown Act.

5.3 WORKING GROUPS PARTICIPATION

The "Adaptation to Climate Change" and "Built Environment" working groups each have a small number of participants and welcome participation by other members. Randy Potter indicated that he has reached out for additional help, but community members are hesitant to get involved due to the time commitment.

Aileen La Bouff voiced concern over the City's need to approve outreach communications, and said this approval process is slowing down her outreach efforts. Joan Jenkins clarified why certain communications from the City, e.g. newspaper advertisements, need to be reviewed.

5.4 TASK FORCE LOGO

The Task Force discussed the possibility of creating a logo. Mike Kahn has already created a logo based on the City's logo. Bruce England suggested creating a logo completely independent of the City, reflecting a grassroots effort. Joan Jenkins indicated the City wants to help facilitate the process and she will work with Aileen La Bouff to expedite approval of a logo.

Bruce England mentioned Palo Alto's Community Environmental Action Partnership (CEAP) group, which is focusing on actions the City of Palo Alto cannot immediately or easily address, but citizens can. Bruce suggested that Mountain View should consider this kind of separate citizen group from the start, so as to work on public-oriented actions.

Motion—M/S Cynthia Kapphahn/Sue Graham—Carried 8-0; Steven Bishop, Yvonne Farrell, James Kempf and Janis Zinn absent—Approve Aileen La Bouff creating a logo in conjunction with City staff, and table creating a separate citizen group.

5.5 WORKING GROUP MEETING INFORMATION

The first of three advertisements for the April 21, 2008 public input meeting appeared in the *Mountain View Voice* on April 4, 2008. Two additional advertisements are scheduled for April 11 and April 18, 2008. Event notices will also be sent to numerous e-mail and community groups.

Steve Attinger reminded working group Chairs to post their upcoming meetings to their Google Group web site, and e-mail any subsequent changes to him. In addition, the City web site continues to have an *updated schedule of working group meetings*.

A Steering Committee member asked for help from the City in posting Task Force meetings to the City web site *Calendar*.

A Steering Committee member requested there be printed lists of the working groups at the April 21, 2008 public input meeting.

6. TASK FORCE STEERING COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND REPORTS

Joan Jenkins indicated that the City is reevaluating the percentage of GHG emissions from the Shoreline landfill, as it might be too high.

Bruce Karney indicated that his Energy working group's first public input meeting was a success; see his Google Group notes. Two additional Energy public input meetings are scheduled for April 24 and May 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Sue Graham highlighted an event on "Preparing for Rising Sea Levels in the Bay Area" on April 16, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Oakland. Contact her at (650) 965-8180 for more information or to carpool.

Sustainability expert Hunter Lovins will be speaking about "Building Sustainable Communities" in the Palo Alto Council Chambers on April 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The event is free. Contact Marn Yee Lee (marn.sustain@gmail.com) for more information or to carpool.

Randy Potter highlighted the value of the PG&E Pacific Energy Center; see <http://www.pge.com/pec/>. Their educational programs are very informative and free.

Cynthia Kapphahn has contacts at schools, high school environmental clubs, etc., if the Task Force wants to reach out to local youth.

To reduce Brown Act communication constraints, Steve Attinger indicated the City Attorney agreed to allow Steering Committee members to post to the General Discussion list in the following specified situations: (1) notification of an event; (2) notification of a desire to schedule an event; (3) notification of a desire to raise an item at a future meeting; (4) request to add an item to a future agenda; and (5) request for City staff assistance.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

SPA/7/PWK
916-04-07-08mn-E^